

OPEN LETTER

SOME COLD FACTS.

To Hon. George B. Cortelyou, Chairman of the National Republican Committee—

Sir—I would like to know what right have you to select the chairman of the National Republican Committee. You were neither a delegate to the last convention nor a member of the National Committee. Why don't you call the Committee together and permit it to select its own chairman? There would be more satisfaction, and I believe the country would be better satisfied. I am of the opinion that the fight in 1908 will be a red-hot one and so far as your chief is concerned he will be "weighed in the balance and found wanting." You are no doubt convinced of the unpopularity of the President and of the esteem in which he is held by the colored Americans. I was not surprised at the small attendance of colored citizens at the White House reception, Tuesday, January 1. The press seems to differ as to the number that called. You may assure yourself of this one fact, Mr. Cortelyou, that the colored Americans are no longer with your administration. It has decided, I see, to send the colored troops to the Philippines. I regret that the colored soldiers shall be compelled to defend the islands against invasion of the Japanese. I am just as confident that the United States will have a war with Japan as your name is George B. Cortelyou. It is coming, and the American soldiers who are in the Philippines will be the first to fight. I suppose the Administration thinks that this is a good way to kill out the colored soldiers and to appease the wrath of Southern prejudice and venom. The South has more influence with your Administration than any other section of the country. I think that it would be a good idea for the South to nominate Mr. Roosevelt, don't you? When I say the South I mean the Democracy of the South, because he will never get the Northern vote in the convention. If his name is presented to the convention he will go down in defeat as did Chester A. Arthur. He is no longer the idol of the people.

If there ever was a man who has lost out with the American people it is President Roosevelt. The recent act of the War Department, by direction of the Executive, in sending the colored troops out of the country is only one of the many blunders of the Executive.

I want you to understand that the colored Americans are under no obligations to the Administration. The color of our skin is not a circumstance. We are capable of doing just as much as you. All the colored Americans ask is an opportunity. Compare the forty years or more of freedom of the colored American with the freedom and privileges the white man has had, and see if the colored American has not outstripped him. The colored American will no longer play the toady. He has thrown off his mass of timidity and chains of obstruction. He means to let you see, know and feel him. You have the reins of government at this time, but you will have to relinquish your claim shortly. Japan is waiting for an opportunity to strike. You will then need the colored American. He alone can stand the invasion. In this contest the paleface will be too weak.

You had better instruct the Executive to prepare for war, because it is coming. The administration can send your legal representative to California, but when the lives of the American negroes are involved the living Negroes are admonished in a special message to Congress. Whenever the rights of the colored man are involved he is told that the State Rights doctrine obtains in the State in which the crime is committed. Japan does not care for your States Rights. She means to invade your territory and compel you by force to respect her country, and place her children upon your soil. The only thing I shall regret, as I said in the beginning, is the innocent colored men in the Philippines will have to suffer to satisfy the prejudices of the South.

Will you inform me whether this is a Democratic or a Republican administration? You are in a position to tell me, as chairman of a party that was victorious at the polls in 1904. The reason I ask you is, so many Democrats are being appointed to office. There is no more chance for a colored Republican to be appointed than it is for an elephant to talk Greek. It is just out of the question. In the Department of Commerce no colored man need apply, and since a Jew has been appointed there no Negro will dare to apply. If you failed to appoint a colored clerk in that department when

you were there, what chance has a colored Republican now?

By the time you receive this letter you will have succeeded Mr. Shaw, in whom the country has the most implicit confidence, and should you be confirmed and take the office, remember,

Yours respectfully,

The Editor.

RECEIVED HIS PASSPORT.

Dr. James E. Sheppard of Durham, N. C., arrived in the city Tuesday morning and went directly to the State Department and received his passport. Dr. Sheppard will represent the International Sunday school association at Rome, Italy. He will visit the holy lands before his return to this country, which will be in June of this year. He will sail about February. While abroad he will send several articles to some of the leading papers in New York, with whom he has made special arrangements. His articles will be on the moral and political status of the Negro.

MR. W. SIDNEY PITTMAN.

Mr. W. Sidney Pittman, formerly of Tuskegee, Ala., came to this city about two years ago. By industry, gentlemanly deportment and honest dealings with his patrons he won the confidence and respect of the people. He is as popular among the builders, white and colored, as any architect in the city. When Col. Giles B. Jackson started the Negro Development Company to handle the Negro annex to the Jamestown Exposition it was stated by him that he would have colored architects only to compete for the contract. There were five colored architects who entered the contest. After the plans had been submitted the contest narrowed down between Mr. Pittman and Mr. Lankford. There was a strong sentiment inaugurated by Chief W. R. Griffin of the True Reformers in behalf of Mr. Pittman, and indeed he was about the only man who made the fight for Mr. Pittman. However, both plans were examined by the board of directors of the Negro Development Company and the vote stood four to one in favor of Mr. Pittman. Col. Jackson stood alone and voted for the adoption of the Lankford plans. Prof. Booker T. Washington did not know



that Mr. Pittman was in the contest and if he did he favored a young man from his own school and not Mr. Pittman. Mr. Pittman has always been grateful to Mr. Washington and the Tuskegee Institute. The Bee is in a position to know that Mr. Pittman had no support outside of Chief Griffin and perhaps one or two letters from friends, not Mr. Washington or any one connected with Tuskegee Institute. While no one has attempted to detract any of the merit from the Lankford plans, the board of directors of the Negro Exposition Company stated that the Pittman plans efforts in securing the services of two of the most enterprising men in the colored race to plan and build were preferable.

Mr. Fenell of New York will erect the Negro building. Mr. Fenell is one of the brainiest colored men in the United States and his record as a builder cannot be surpassed.

The Exposition Development Company ought to be commended for its the Negro Exposition building. The Exposition will be a success and the Negro inventors in the United States will have upon exhibition the best productions known to inventors.

Jimmy Britt and Joe Gans will fight to a finish at Tonopah, Nev., March 17, for a purse of \$25,000.

Corporal Knowles of the 25th infantry has been arrested for having assaulted Capt. E. B. Macklin, Dec. 21st.

If there was ever a time that the Negro should be united, that time is here. But has he done the act?

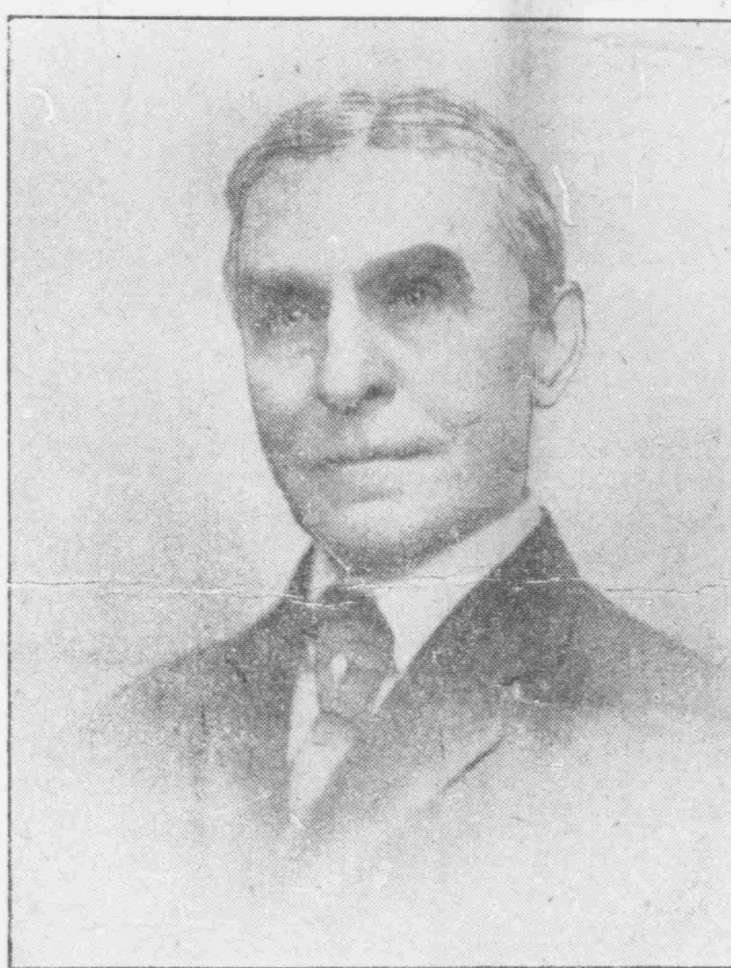
PROF. W. S. SCARBOROUGH.

During the past week the American Philological Association and American Archaeological Association have been in session in this city, at the Georgetown University. Among that distinguished gathering of scholars—some the most noted not only in this country but in the world—was Prof. W. S. Scarborough of Wilberforce University. He is not only a member of both of these associations but also American Modern Language Association and American Social Service Association of Oxford, England. He read before the association a paper upon the meaning of certain Greek words, which was well received and favorably discussed by some of the expert Greek scholars of the world.

Prof. Scarborough is the author of several Greek text books which have been adopted by some of the leading northern colleges.

While in the city he was entertained, with other members of the associations, by the Hon. John W. Foster, formerly Secretary of State, at his residence, at which was gathered the great leaders in Washington's most exclusive society.

Prof. Greener was the first colored man to become a member of these



HON. ARTHUR HILL, OF SAGINAW, MICH.

associations and it was through him that Dr. Blyden and Prof. Scarborough became members many years ago. They are the only colored men to which this distinction belongs. They are perhaps the greatest scholars the race has produced.

While Prof. Greener graduated at Harvard he was also an Oberlin student.

Prof. Scarborough is an Oberlin alumnus of the class of 1875—a class that has won distinction in all walks of life, as great scholars, jurists and eminently successful business men.

Judge J. B. Dill, one of Carnegie's lawyers of New York is a multi-millionaire. Many others have fortunes from one to five hundred thousand dollars.

Prof. Scarborough was a classmate of Mr. Geo. C. Smith of the Register's office.

MR. CLARK'S DENIAL.

Mr. Benny Clark, formerly supervising principal in the colored public schools stated before the sub-committee of the House on Monday that Superintendent Chancellor never offered him another position.

About two months ago the editor of The Bee, Mr. Chase, met Prof. Clark at the corner of 14th street and Pennsylvania avenue, N. W., and among other things Prof. Clark stated that he had been offered another position in the schools by Superintendent Chancellor, "but," said he, "you know Mr. Chase, I could not afford to accept it." Mr. Chase said that he thought he should have accepted the place and waited for a promotion in the future. No, he said, Ex-Senator Blair was his attorney and the attorney of Prof. Lane and Mrs. Cooper and he thought that he could pull them through. The Bee has always favored the reappointment of all the teachers, but if an investigation is insisted upon, The Bee would suggest that he be given and let all the facts come out.

PARAGRAPHIC NEWS

BY MISS BEATRIZ L. CHASE.

It is not settled that the next national encampment of the Grand Army of the Republic will be at Saratoga, N. Y., as was expected. Some doubt of the ability of Saratoga to furnish sufficient accommodation has been expressed.

Senator Hansbrough has prepared a resolution to relieve many of the settlers of North Dakota, who are suffering from the severe cold weather, by granting them a three months' leave, which time is not to be taken from that required by law.

Mr. Foraker is receiving the generous support of all good-thinking citizens in his position on the Brownsville affair. Howard University Record is the name of an official organ to appear four times a year. Every alumnus should become a subscriber, and assist the university authorities in making this organ just what it should be.

An important meeting was held at Galbraith Church last Thursday by Bishop Walters, president of the National Afro-American Council.

On Wednesday evening, January 23,

sacola were dated over the address of Mr. Daney.

Miss Bessie L. Lapsley, of Atlanta, Ga., and an attaché of Mrs. Clark's Training School, is said to be an accomplished culturist and musician.

The Y. M. C. A. of Nashville is to be highly complimented. The indebtedness with which the new year began was only \$10.55.

The Shah of Persia, Muzaffer-Ed-Din Mirza, died last Tuesday evening at Teheran, after a long illness.

Edwin Lechmere, alias R. T. Brown, of Kansas City, Mo., was taken into custody last Tuesday afternoon by detectives, charged with breaking into the cars at the Smithsonian Institution and stealing valuables.

The funeral services of Samuel A. Groff, who was convicted of fraud and served a two-year term in the penitentiary at Moundsville, W. Va., was held from his late residence last Thursday afternoon.

Hugh Clements, the meteorologist, at London, predicts that there will be earthquakes in America today.

The request of Chief Belt, of the Fire Department, who made application to the Commissioners for an automobile in which to answer fire alarms, could not be granted.

It is very unfortunate that some of the women of Cincinnati, Ohio, fear for the native women on the islands because colored troops have been ordered there.

Many speakers addressed the mass-meeting which was held in Galbraith A. M. E. Zion Church last Thursday evening.

It is thought that it will be several months before Karl Hau, of this city, but now in Hamburg, is tried on the charge of murdering his mother-in-law at Baden-Baden.

A large crowd attended the services at the jail yesterday afternoon, hoping to catch a glimpse of Mrs. Annie Bradley, who is held in connection with the shooting of ex-Senator Brown, but she remained in the corridor, out of sight. Many were also turned away from the institution.

Perry Carson, who has been confined to his home on account of sickness, is reported to be improving and out of danger.

We received the first edition of The Horizon, published at 609 F street N. W., this city, this week.

The Southern Workman of the present month contains many interesting articles.

Hon. W. T. Vernon delivered an address to the people at Louisville and Lexington, Ky., last week. Every person was pleased to hear him.

Prof. Booker T. Washington delivered lectures at Birmingham, Ala., and other near towns last week.

TAKE HEED.

All the laborers of North America are beginning to see the necessity of uniting and co-operating for fair wages for fair work. Let our dark-skinned brothers and sisters be not slow in grasping the opportunities held out to them today. Join the International Laborers' Union and become a power, to be seen and felt. We include in our membership all from the humble toot-black to the highest employe in public institutions.

Arabella V. Chase, Deputy Organizer for the District of Columbia and Vicinity.

1212 Florida avenue northwest.

We pay \$100.00 death benefit in cash.

This is well worth considering.

The engineers and dredgemen now at work on the Panama Canal are preparing to ask for higher wages. Their union will request a minimum rate of \$150 a month for engineers, and \$100 for cranimen.

Who works the harder, the man behind the pick and shovel or the one who guides the engine.

Unionism is the only solution to the great problem of human rights and liberty now confronting the oppressed American citizens.

Come into the International Laborers' Union. We will do you good.

SECOND BAPTIST LYCEUM.

There was quite a representative audience present at the Second Baptist Church Lyceum last Sunday afternoon. The Lyceum celebrated the emancipation of the Negro in the United States. Prof. Jesse Lawson presided and addresses were delivered by Lieut. R. E. Toomy, Prof. Richard T. Greener, Ex-Register J. W. Lyons and others. All of the addresses were interesting and instructive.

A remarkable operation has been performed at Philadelphia by Dr. E. LaPlace. Fifteen pieces of splintered bone were removed from the spine of a patient and silver plates inserted in place.

HON. ARTHUR HILL.

There is a man in the Senatorial contest in the State of Michigan by the name of Arthur Hill. Mr. Hill hails from Saginaw, and the people of that State want him to succeed the Hon. R. A. Alger, whose term as Senator expires March 4 of this year.

Mr. Hill is one of the leading business men in the State, and employs hundreds of people. He is popular because he is a friend of the poor. There is another fine trait about Mr. Hill—he knows no person by the color of his skin.

In one of his most celebrated speeches delivered at Big Rapids, Mich., he advocated the election of United States Senators by direct vote of the people.

He is popular among the working classes because his reputation is that of a "square deal" in deed and in fact. He believes in equality of citizenship to all American citizens, and if the Legislature of Michigan elects him as the successor of General Alger he will be a worthy representative of the State of Michigan.

There is nothing narrow about Mr. Hill. He is broad-minded and liberal. If the Legislature is left to itself, without the dictation of party bosses and corrupt influences, Mr. Hill will be the next Senator from Michigan. The Bee feels confident that his election would meet the approval of all classes of voters, and more especially the laboring element, who look upon Mr. Hill as their benefactor. When others have turned their backs against the poor and laboring classes, Mr. Hill has been one man who has come forward and offered aid and support. The sentiment for Mr. Hill is strong, and it is hoped that The Bee in a future issue will be able to announce the election of Hon. Arthur Hill of Saginaw.

AMONG THE ODD FELLOWS.

Grand Master-elect W. L. Houston has been suffering several days from injury of his left eye.

The grand officers who were elected at the Thirteenth B. M. C. held at the city of Richmond, Va., October last will be formally installed at the headquarters of the D. C. of M. in Philadelphia, Monday next, January 14.

M. V. P. Joshua E. Whittington, of Green Mountain Lodge, No. 1437, has entirely recovered from his recent illness.

At the last regular meeting of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 135, the following annual officers were re-elected: P. S. George F. Collins; Treasurer, M. V. P. J. Howard; Chaplain, P. N. F. L. D. Best; Advocate, P. N. F. W. H. Johnson; Delegate to O. H. Association, M. V. P. W. C. Martin; Examining Physician, P. N. F. Dr. J. W. Dowling.

P. N. F. Robert Holliday, of Potomac Union Lodge, No. 892, is confined to his bed by reason of illness.

Cards of admission to the grand banquet to be tendered Grand Master W. L. Houston, January 21, instant, are being called for daily now by those who propose attending. The occasion will be unprecedented in the history of the order in America in point of the large number of the grand officers and distinguished Odd Fellows and other citizens who will be present.

Among the chief executive officers of other fraternal and business organizations to whom invitations have been extended are Mrs. Maggie Walker, of the Independent Order of St. Luke; John Mitchell, Jr., President of the Penny Savings Bank, Richmond, Va.; Carter Purdy, G. H. P. A. O. K. of J. W. H. Grimshaw, M. W. G. M. F. A. A. M.; Capt. O. J. Oliver, M. W. G. Chief I. O. G. Samaritans; Dr. W. E. Atkins, Grand Exalted Ruler I. B. P. O. Elks.

M. V. P. J. C. Asbury, editor of the Odd Fellows Journal, has signified his purpose to attend the banquet. That the banquet will be attended by a large number of ladies is evidenced by the fact that most applicants for cards of admission are getting two instead of one.

Cards of admission should be obtained not later than the 17th instant, and before that time in possible, as only a limited number of persons can be seated in the main auditorium of the hall.

A young and gallant member of Rising Sun Lodge, No. 1305, handed Secretary Coleman a brand-new "V" on Wednesday evening last, and secured four plates. The presence of from one to three handsomely gowned ladies is thereby assured.

A prominent member of Patriarche No. 18 said at the hall Monday evening last that ladies at a banquet were, to him, a most pleasing social innovation, and that he did not intend to let this occasion pass to "see a brilliant scene which he had never seen before."